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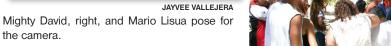
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## Tribute to Chief Aghurubw





Best friends Steven Goodwin, left, and Logan Mister could not resist the sight of these toys lying unattended. After a few minutes of tentative steps toward the toys, they finally made themselves at home and demolished the sand castle built and left behind by the toys' owner.





The smell of barbeque was pervasive across Managaha Island yesterday, with these men working the grill as part of the celebrations on the island yesterday.



Members of the CNMI's man'amko attend the special Mass that was held in honor of Chief Aghurubw.

or many years now, the Carolinian community within the Commonwealth would take time each year to pay tribute to Chief Aghurubw, who is credited with bringing the first Carolinian settlers to the Marianas.

History has it that in 1815, Chief Aghurubw of the Ghatoliyool Clan sailed from the Caroline Islands to resettle his people on Saipan after the islands were destroyed by a major typhoon.

In keeping with the traditional tribute, the Chief Aghurubw Foundation held its 34th Annual Commemoration of Chief Aghurubw yesterday at Managaha Island.

The selection of the date was based on the time the chief's monument on the island was finished. The monument was constructed in honor of the chief who, according to the foundation, "changed the course of history in the lives of his people."

Tasi Tours and Transportation Inc. and Saipan Sea Ventures (Jambalaya) provided the boat transfers to Managaha Island.

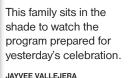


The man'amko render an impromptu dance number after yesterday's lunch, to the delight



These women smile self-consciously for the camera, apparently uncomfortable at the camera's eye being turned in their direction.

JAYVEE VALLEJERA



Island Snapshots

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## **WEATHER FORECAST**

#### PICTURE TIME: 2:25 A.M., DECEMBER 17, 2003

Western North Pacific between Equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends from 6N130E through a tropical disturbance near 8N145E and finally to near 5N160E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the disturbance are found in the Mariana islands as well as between Yap and Chuuk or between 4N and 16N from 139E to 153E. Just east of the monsoon trough, a surface trough of low pressure continues to near the equator at 168E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are developing north and east of the trough or within 100 miles either side of a line from 9N160E to the equator at 173E, including Kosrae. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across portions of the Marshall islands, between 4N and 16N from 170E to 180.



#### SAIPAN AND TINIAN

Cloudy and breezy with scattered showers, some locally heavy, and a slight chance of thunderstorms.

Winds: East at 20-25 mph. Gusting in 35 mph in showers. **Temperature:** Lows near 78. Highs near 86.



#### GUAM AND ROTA

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Winds: East at 20-25 mph. Gusting in 35 mph in showers. **Temperature:** Lows near 78. Highs near 86.



Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Winds: Northeast at 10 kt.



#### **POHNPEI**

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Winds: East at 10 kt.



### YAP AND ULITHI Partly cloudy with

isolated showers. Winds: Northeast at 10 kt.



#### **KOSRAE**

Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Winds: Southeast at 10 kt.



CHUUK

Mostly cloudy with scattered showers with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Winds: Northeast at 10-15 kt.



#### **MAJURO**

Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Winds: East at 10-15 kt.

	CITY	FORECAST	HIGH	LOW
2	Auckland	Cloudy	61F (16C)	49F (9C)
*	Beijing	Sunny	44F (7C)	26F (-3C)
	Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	74F (23C)	61F (16C)
	Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	86F (30C)	72F (22C)
	London, England	Cloudy	56F (13C)	45F (7C)
	Los Angeles	Cloudy	69F (21C)	51F (11C)
	Manila	Cloudy	88F (31C)	71F (22C)
*	Melbourne	Sunny	73F (23C)	54F (12C)
	Miami	Partly Cloudy	84F (29C)	75F (24C)
	New York, NY	Cloudy	52F (11C)	48F (9C)
1	Osaka	Rain	54F (12C)	46F (8C)
	Paris	Cloudy	53F (12C)	41F (5C)
1	Pusan	Rain	58F (14C)	43F (6C)
	Rome	Partly Cloudy	55F (13C)	39F (4C)
1	Salem, Oregon	Rain	54F (12C)	38F (3C)
*	San Francisco	Sunny	64F (18C)	47F (5C)
1	Seoul	Rain	52F (11C)	45F (7C)
1	Tokyo	Rain	55F (13C)	49F (9C)
2	Washington, DC	Cloudy	60F (16C)	48F (9C)

## 54 candidates running for NMI Youth Congress

By CASSIE DLG FEJERAN SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Students across the CNMI will be choosing among some 54 candidates on Monday on who should represent them at the CNMI Youth Congress.

The polling places will be open from 2pm to 6pm.

Precinct I will hold the elections at the San Antonio Youth Center, St. Jude Social Hall, San Vicente Social Hall, and Kag-

man High School. The House of Manhoben, Joeten Kiyu Library, and the Ada Gymnasium will be open for Precinct II student voters.

Precinct III student voters may cast their votes at the Ada gym and the Garapan Youth Learning Center Unit A-16; Precinct IV student voters will be casting their votes at the Kagman High School, House chamber of the Legislature building, and the Tanapag Youth Center.

### Toothbrush used as weapon against a convicted person

Huang Zhong must have faced one of the most difficult situations in his life last week: He was not only assaulted inside his detention cell but he was also convicted in federal court of conspiracy and attempt to commit alien smuggling to Guam.

Huang, who comes from the People's Republic of China, has been detained since his arrest last April for his role in the aborted smuggling of Chinese nationals to Guam by boat.

Two days before the federal jury convicted Huang, he was allegedly assaulted by fellow detainee Jing-Ju Jiang, who reportedly used a toothbrush in the attack. Huang sustained bruises in his eye and face.

The Attorney General's Office criminal division has now charged the suspect with aggravated assault and battery, assault with a dangerous weapon, and assault and battery following findings that he "did...cause serious bodily injury to Huang."

The AGO charged Jiang with assault with a dangerous weapon: a toothbrush.

"He [Jiang] did threaten to cause or attempt to cause, or purposely cause bodily injury to Zhong Huang by means of a dangerous weapon...in violation of 6 CMC," said the AGO.

Huang remains at the detention facility following his conviction Friday.

His co-defendant, Edward M. Fleming, who was convicted of one count of attempt to smuggle aliens, is out on bail. (Liberty Dones)

as Precinct VI will hold their polls at the Rota High School. According to the mission of the Youth Congress, its elected of-

open for Precinct V voters, where-

Tinian High School will be

ficials are youth representatives in the community whose goal is not only to learn about making policy or being involved in electoral, legislative, and governmental processes, but to go one step further by working to plan, develop, and implement programs that promote real youth progress.

Elected student officials will develop and promote active participation from the youth in community issues to meet the challenges of the future and to foster leadership in young adults.

The school candidates for the incoming Youth Congress include John Del Rosario for Mount Carmel School; Matthew Cabrera and Na Young Kim for Marianas Baptist Academy; Soledad Camacho and Rika Matsumoto for Grace Christian Academy; Yveth Mafnas for Calvary Christian Academy; Hannah Tessen for Saipan International School; Christopher Lee for Northern Marianas Academy, and Esther Omar for Northern Marianas College.

Marianas High School candidates include Carmelita Gutierrez, Jennifer Jang, Louisa Moolang, and Juan Pinaula. Satomie Magofna, along with Alvie Sanchez, are duking it out for the one seat available for Kagman High School. Saipan Southern high school has one seat open for candidates Jennifer Benavente,

Mercedes Cabrera, Dwayne Palacios, Angela Pinaula, Jovinalynn Sablan, and Dong Shim.

Precinct I topped the chart with 11 candidates running for the three seats open. Incumbents Roselle Calvo and Delbert Pua will be running against Janice Castro, Jacqueline Cepeda, Dwayne Davis, Edrianne Flores, Calvin Fejeran, Roque Indalecio, Ahhil Kim, Naomi Sablan, and Vincent San Nicolas.

With one seat open for Precinct II, Mark Nuique and Marvin Tamangided has less of a challenge on votes ahead of them. A former youth senator for the 5th CNMI Youth Congress, Malcolm Omar is running for Precinct IV.

Similar to Precinct I candidates, Precinct III lists eight eli-

gible candidates for the three seats open. The election should hold little surprises for Josef Deleon Guerrero and Brian Nicholas Jr., who were both successful in the previous elections. Miss CNMI Teen 2004 Divana Dela Cruz along with Ronn Arii, Joseph Deleon Guerrero, Lupe Kaipat, Hana Joo, and Katherine Taylor will be running against Nicholas and Deleon Guerrero.

Precinct V candidates in Tinian includes Casey Borja, Pablo Evangelista, and Antolynn Maratita. Rota, however, holds one seat open for Precinct VI candidate Donald Manglona.

Candidates' ages range from 14 to 20 years old.

For more information on the elections, contact the CNMI Youth Congress Office at 664-8845.

#### **Girl testifies** against suspect

The alleged victim in the ongoing child molestation trial at the CNMI Superior Court positively identified the suspect, Joselito Castro, as the one that had committed the alleged crime last December.

According to the girl, Castro, who volunteered to bring her to her grandmother in Chalan Kanoa from San Antonio, stopped the car near the Post Office area and took advantage of her. She said she later told her mother about the incident.

Castro is charged in Superior Court for allegedly molesting the girl on Dec. 19, 2003.

Based on the previous testimony of the girl's aunt and former babysitter, Lolita Catap, she was supposed to bring the girl to Chalan Kanoa but Castro volunteered to drop her off instead.

Catap said she agreed to the offer because she also had another errand to do.

Further, she said that she trusted Castro because he was a long-time family friend. (Liberty Dones)

#### **DPS** issues wanted notice

Police are currently searching for a man pursuant to an arrest warrant for charges of assault and battery and disturbing the peace, according to the Department of Public Safety.

DPS public information officer Eric David disclosed Friday that associate judge Kenneth Govendo issued an arrest warrant on Monday, Sept. 13, for 26-yearold Don C. Ngringebedagel.

David said anyone assisting Ngringebedagel will also be arrested and charged.

He said that if caught, the suspect's bail will be set at \$15,000.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of Ngringebedagel is urged to call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272 or 911. (Shan Seman)

#### Japanese tourist robbed

A male tourist fell victim to a robber Wednesday night after three unidentified men stole his Louie Vuitton shopping bag.

The victim, Haruhiko Ikegami, said that after shopping with a friend at Duty Free Shoppers Galleria, they drove to Asian Scooter and were approached by a male individual.

Investigation revealed that the male asked Ikegami questions, and as the victim was trying to understand the questions, two other males came from behind and grabbed his bag. All three suspects fled the scene.

One of the males was described to be about 5'8", with dark skin and tattoo on both arms. Ikegami said he had a big body. (Shan Seman)

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## Opinion



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## Our World At War

# Flag of Palau flying high in the sky

KOROR, Palau PIR)—The flag of the Republic of Palau, a full moon against a blue sky, will fly higher than ever before. The flag is displayed on Palau Micronesia Air's 737-300, which made its inaugural flight Friday night to Darwin, Australia.

"We're proud to have our own airline with our island's name. In a way, it kind of sets us apart from other islands in that we're brave enough to take part in this," said Valentina Edesomel, a resident of Ngerchemai in Koror.

old resident of Medalaii in Koror and many other Palauans echoed Edesomel's sentiments.

But while they were proud of the inaugural flight and the possibilities ahead, some residents said they had some concerns about the fledgling airline's ability to compete with other airlines in an arena where other airlines have failed

Yamada said it will be difficult for Palau Micronesia Air to compete with Continental Airlines, which has flown routes between

Cecelia Yamada, a 53-year- Palau, Guam and other islands in Micronesia for decades.

> "It's going to be hard to catch up with Continental because they have more money and they're bigger," Yamada said.

> "Right when Palau Air announced cheaper flights to the Philippines for \$199, Continental announced a \$189 air fare to the Philippines."

> Alan Seid, part owner and chief executive officer of the fledgling Palau Micronesia Air, said he's not trying to compete with Continental.

so it's harder to compete with them. I don't think we ever wanted to come in and try to outdo Continental. We just want to get our little niche in the market," Seid said. He added that feasibility

studies have shown that the Asia-Pacific market can absorb a small airline.

"And of course, we do hope the local people—the island people will support us and keep us alive for years to come," Seid said.

with various Palauan residents yesterday was Air Nauru's failure in the region.

But Seid said he hears the comparisons made between Palau Micronesia Air and Air Nauru, but no comparison can be made.

The PMA chief executive officer said the biggest difference between the two airlines is the ownership and the expertise behind the ventures.

"PMA is not a national airline. We don't have a govern-

"They've got a deeper pocket popped up during interviews have professionals," he said.

Seid pointed to other successful airlines based in Pacific islands: 'Tahiti Nui is a great success. Air Asia, which uses the same type of aircraft, is a huge success."

But Seid also acknowledged the risk involved in the airline industry.

"We've done our homework. We had our feasibility studies done and we've taken the risk and made the investments," Seid said. "At this point, there's only one way to find out what One of the concerns that ment trying to run an airline. We happens. We just need to do it."

## Raffles to manage new Tahiti hotel

PAPEETE, Tahiti (Tahitipresse, PIR)-Raffles International announced Monday the signing of a management agreement for the 65-villa luxury resort on French Polynesia's island of Tahaa, the group's first

property in the South Pacific.

Raffles Taimana Resort Tahaa, reportedly still a project that has not yet begun construction, will offer 65 one-bedroom and two-bedroom villas, three food and beverage facilities, a meeting room, a library, a

RafflesAmrita Spa, tennis court and a diving center, according to a Raffles press release. More than 80 percent of the resort will be built over water, providing views of the nearby islands of Raiatea and Bora Bora.

#### Workshop on for young girls

The House of Manhoben at Chalan Kanoa is holding a Workshop called "Young Female Empowerment" for girls in the CNMI ages 12 to 18 years old.

Topics include building self-esteem and women in leadership, including many fun cooperative activities that will be offered.

The Workshop will be at the Pacific Islands Club on Sept. 25, from 8:30am to 2:30pm.

Registration for the workshop is concurrent with the registration for Girls Volleyball, Girls Basketball and Girls Canoeing/Paddling at the House of Manhoben Center, from 2:30pm to 5:30pm.

"Let's give our young girls a chance. The above events are for girls only," a House of Manhoben statement said.

Parents are encouraged to register their daughters. Space is limited, therefore, it will be on a first come-first serve basis.

#### **Families with Disabilities officers** meeting set

The CNMI Association of Families with Disabilities meeting will be held on Aug. 31, 2004, 6pm, at Skyway Restaurant, Airport Road. Should you have any questions call Lisa A. Aldan at 483-0395 or Vicky Tudela at 288-7676 for further information.

All parents and community members are welcomed to attend this meeting.

#### **Chacha resets its PTSA** meeting

The administration of Chacha Oceanview Junior High School would like to inform all parents, guardians, students and the community that the scheduled PTSA meeting for Aug. 26, 2004 was

cancelled and is rescheduled for next week Thursday, Sept. 2, 2004. If you have any questions or concerns call 664-4100, 664-4105 or 664-4106. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.

#### **Youth Learning Center registration** to start

The Garapan Youth Learning Center announces its open-house/ registration beginning Aug. 30, 2004 to Sept. 3, from 9am to 4:30pm. Interested parents are encouraged to visit the center. The center provides services on tutoring in general subjects, computer lab, sports, guidance and counseling and other related educational activities. Services are free of charge and available to youth from grade levels 1st through 12th. For more information contact 664-7883.

#### E-form for SHEFA scholarship now available

Applications for Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance are now available online and can be downloaded by accessing its website: www.saipanshefa.com.

This option is especially helpful for those students who are currently abroad, and qualified to avail of this assistance.

The scholarship, which is under the Municipality of Saipan, Office of the Mayor, aims to provide supplementary financial assistance pursuant to Saipan Local Law 13-21, to qualified residents of Saipan (inclusive of the Northern Islands) in pursuing postsecondary education on Saipan or abroad.

Under the rules, ongoing applicants need to submit official sealed transcript, valid Saipan municipal ID No., and official class registration. New

applicants are asked to submit acceptance letter into a higher education institution, proof of one year residency on Saipan, most recent official sealed transcript, and valid Saipan ID. No.

Completed application and supporting documents must be submitted to SHEFA at the Mayor's Office.

For inquiries call 234-6208/234-6280 or email: jbtmayor@vzpacifica.net.

#### Motheread/ **Fatheread** schedule out

**CNMI** Motheread/ Fatheread® schedule for its upcoming classes is as follows:

- 6pmMondaysatGarapan Youth Learning Center 6pmTuesdaysatTanapag
- Head Start Center 6pmWednesdaysatSan
- RoqueHeadStartCenter 6pm Thursdays at Kag
- manIIHeadStartCenter 10amSaturdaysstarting today.Aug.28atKagman III Head Start Center

The classes run for eight weeks and meet one time a week. They are free. They are open to anyone wanting to learn how to read effectively with children as well as improve their own reading skills.

For more information contact the Motheread/Fatheread coordinator at 235-4785 or 235-

#### **House of Manhoben** open for registration

The House of Manhoben is open for registration in the following sports: Girls' Volleyball, Girls' Basketball and Girls' Canoeing, for ages 14-17 years old.

Registration dates and time are from Monday to Friday, 2: 30pm-5:30pm, at the House of Manhoben Center in Chalan Kanoa. Registration will end on Aug. 31.

Parents are encouraged to come and register their children. Space is limited; registration will be on a "first come- first served bases."

#### **GUIDELINES FOR FLOOD CLEANUP**

Flooding can cause the disruption of water purification and sewage disposal systems, overflowing of toxic waste sites, and dislodgement of chemicals previously stored aboveground. Although most floods do not cause serious outbreaks of infectious disease or chemical poisonings, they can cause sickness in workers and others who come in contact with contaminated floodwater. In addition, flooded areas may contain electrical or fire hazards connected with downed power lines.

#### **Floodwater**

Floodwater often contains infectious organisms, including intestinal bacteria such as E. coli, Salmonella, and Shigella; Hepatitis A virus; and agents of typhoid, paratyphoid and tetanus. The signs and symptoms experienced by the victims of waterborne microorganisms are similar, even though they are caused by different pathogens. These symptoms include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal cramps, muscle aches, and fever. Most cases of sickness associated with flood conditions are brought about by ingesting contaminated food or water. Tetanus, however, can be acquired from contaminated soil or water entering broken areas of the skin, such as cuts, abrasions, or puncture spasms, known as lockjaw. The symptoms may appear weeks after exposure and may begin as a headache, but later develop into difficulty swallowing or opening the jaw.

Floodwaters also may be contaminated by agricultural or industrial chemicals or by hazardous agents present at flooded hazardous waste sites. Flood cleanup crew members who must work near flooded industrial sites also may be exposed to chemically contaminated floodwater. Although different chemicals cause different health effects, the signs and symptoms most frequently associated with chemical poisoning are headaches, skin rashes, dizziness, nausea, excitability, weakness, and fatigue.

Pools of standing or stagnant water become breeding grounds for mosquitoes, increasing the risk of encephalitis, West Nile Virus or other mosquito-borne diseases. The presence of wild animals in populated areas increases the risk of diseases caused by animal bites (e.g., rabies) as well as diseases carried by fleas and ticks.

#### **Protect yourself**

To avoid waterborne disease, it is important to wash your hands with soap and clean, running water. People should assume that any water in flooded or surrounding areas is not safe unless the local or state authorities have specifically declared it to be safe. If no safe water supply is available for washing, use bottled water, water that has been boiled for at least 10 minutes or chemically disinfected water. (To disinfect water, use 5 drops of liquid household bleach to each gallon of water and let sit for at least 30 minutes for disinfection to be completed.) Water storage containers should be rinsed periodically with a household bleach solution. If water is

suspected of being contaminated with hazardous chemicals, cleanup workers may need to wear special chemical protective outer clothing and goggles. Before entering a contaminated area that has been flooded, you should put on plastic or rubber gloves, boots, and other protective clothing needed to avoid contact with

Decrease the risk of mosquito and other insect bites by wearing long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and by using insect repellants. Wash your hands with soap and water that has been boiled or disinfected before preparing or eating foods, after using the bathroom, after participating in flood cleanup activities, and after handling articles contaminated by flood waters. In addition, children should not be allowed to play in flood waters or with toys that have been in contact with flood waters. Toys should be disinfected.

#### What to do if symptoms develop

If you have any of the signs or symptoms listed above, appropriate first-aid treatment and medical advice should be sought. If the skin is broken, particularly with a puncture wound or a wound in contact with potentially contaminated material, a tetanus vaccination may be needed if it has been five years or more since your last tetanus shot.

#### Tips to remember

- Before working in flooded areas, be sure your tetanus shot is current (given within the last 10 years). Wounds that are associated with a flood should be evaluated for risk; a physician may recommend a tetanus immunization.
- Consider all water unsafe until local authorities announce that the public water supply is safe.
- Do not use contaminated water to wash and prepare food, brush your teeth, wash dishes, or make ice.
- Keep an adequate supply of safe water available for washing and potable water for drink-
- Be alert for chemically contaminated floodwater at industrial sites.
- Use extreme caution with potential chemical and electric hazards, which have great potential for fires and explosions. Floods have the strength to move and/or bury hazardous waste and chemical containers far from their normal storage places, creating a risk for those who come into contact with them. Any chemical hazards, such as propane tank, should be handled by the fire department or
- If the safety of a food or beverage is questionable, throw it out.
- Seek immediate medical care for all animal

For further inquiries about health and safety in association with flooded areas, you may contact an OSHA representative at 322-8615, and ask for Jim Wulff or Ray Deleon Guerrero.

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## Good Housekeeping

# Cooking with Chef Singh



## Local Pumpkin Cheesecake

#### **Recipe for 8 servings**

1-1/2 cups gingersnap crumbs or Graham crackers

1/2 cup finely chopped pecans or your choice of nuts

1/3 cup butter, melted

24 ounces cream cheese, softened

1 cup and 2 tablespoon sugar white sugar

1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

4 large eggs

1-1/2 cups pumpkin purée (freshly cooked)

1 teaspoon cinnamon powder

1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

**Methods:** Preheat oven to 350°F. Combine gingersnap crumbs or Graham crackers, pecans and butter. Press onto bottom and 1-1/2 inches up sides of a 9-inch spring form pan. Bake for 10 minutes in 350°F oven. Remove and let cool.

Combine cream cheese, 2/3 cup sugar and vanilla, mixing at medium speed on electric mixer until well blended. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Remove 1cup batter from mixture and chill for 8 hours. Add remaining sugar, pumpkin and spices to remaining batter; mix well.

Alternately layer pumpkin and cream cheese batter over the crust. Cut through layers of batter with a knife several times to achieve marble effect.

Bake at 350°F for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Loosen cake from rim of pan; cool before removing rim of pan. Chill before serving.

**Chef's cooking tips:** How to prevent mold on cheese? Wrap it in a cloth dampened with saltwater before refrigerating.

## The Good Life

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## **United States**

# AP poll: Bush holds slight lead on Kerry

By RON FOURNIER AP POLITICAL WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Bush opens the fall campaign with a slight lead over Democratic Sen. John Kerry, an Associated Press poll shows, as voters express growing confidence in the direction of the country and the performance of the incumbent.

Seven weeks before Election Day, the Republican is considered significantly more decisive, strong and likable than Kerry, and he has strengthened his position on virtually every issue important to voters, from the war in Iraq and creating jobs-two sources of criticism—to matters of national security and values.

### Bill Clinton returns home after surgery

CHAPPAQUA, N.Y. (AP)— Former President Bill Clinton left the hospital and returned home Friday, four days after undergoing heart bypass surgery, his office said.

Clinton arrived early Friday evening at his home in the New York suburb of Chappaqua, according to his spokesman, Jim Kennedy.

"The President is in good spirits and has taken short walks in the hospital hallway and in his home today," Kennedy said in a prepared statement.

The 58-year-old Democrat was taken off his respirator and placed in an intensive care unit on Monday. On Wednesday, he was moved back to his hospital room, where he walked with assistance, sat in his bed and sat up in his chair.

Clinton had planned to campaign for John Kerry, the Democratic nominee for president, but the recovery from surgery will take him off the stump for now, with just eight weeks left until the election. It was not immediately clear how soon he could return to the campaign trail.

In recent days, Clinton has been inundated with thousands of well-wishes and flowers, his foundation has said.

"We appreciate more than words can say all the good wishes and messages of concern that we received during this difficult time in our lives," Clinton, his wife, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, and their daughter Chelsea said Friday in a statement relayed through the family's spokesman.

"We feel blessed to have such support, and it will continue to sustain us throughout the months of recuperation that remain ahead," they said.

Convention ended in late July, the president has erased any gains Kerry had achieved while reshaping the political landscape in his favor: Nearly two-thirds of voters think protecting the country is more important than creating jobs, and Bush is favored over Kerry by a whopping 23 percentage points on who would keep the United States safe.

"If we don't take care of the terrorists, we certainly won't have to worry about the economy," said Janet Cross, 57, of Portsmouth, Ohio, who switched from Democrat to Republican for the last election.

Among those most likely to vote, the Republican ticket of Bush and Vice President

Since the Democratic National Dick Cheney holds a lead of 51 percent to 46 percent over Kerry and Sen. John Edwards, with independent Ralph Nader receiving 1 percent.

The AP-Ipsos-Public Affairs poll showed minorities, urban residents and other Democratic voters unified behind Kerry, as would be expected in the fall. But he lost ground in virtually every other demographic group: lower educated voters, suburbanites, rural voters, the middle class, married couples and baby boomers.

Many voters seemed to be retreating to Bush's camp after flirting with the Democrat, whose nominating convention was heavily focused on his Vietnam War record. For example, those in the GOP-leaning South

narrowly favored Kerry in early August but now support Bush 58 percent to 38 percent. Married men slightly favored Bush last month but now back the president 2-to-1.

Among all registered voters, Bush-Cheney led the Democratic ticket 51 percent to 43 percent, a modest bounce in support since early August, when Kerry-Edwards led 48-45 percent.

The reversal is the result of a month of GOP-inspired criticism of Kerry's war record combined with a Republican National Convention scripted to undercut the Democrat's credibility and cast Bush as a steady commander in chief, said strategists in both campaigns.

'There's something I don't

like about Kerry-too wishywashy," said Don Dooley, a 54-year-old conservative Democrat from Grand Prairie, Texas, who is leaning toward Bush. "George is not the ideal kind of person, but at least he's more predictable than Kerry."

The question now is whether Bush's gains are as temporary as they were for Kerry—or the first sign of a fundamental shift in the race.

"I don't know if we know that yet," said Bush strategist Matthew Dowd, "but I think there's beginning to be some permanence to it." He said the president could settle into a lead of 3 or 4 percentage points, which could only be upset by a major event, such as the presidential debates.

Democrats predicted the race will be even in the next week or two, especially in the dozen or so states where the election will be decided.

"They had a convention and got a bounce just like we had a convention and got a bounce," said Kerry pollster Mark Mellman. He said Bush's gains were already eroding, pointing to polls taken during and after the convention that gave the president a double-digit lead.

For the first time since Kerry wrapped up the nomination, the AP-Ipsos poll suggests that a majority of voters approve of the president's job performance—52 percent. The lifts him out of the danger zone for incumbents.



The twin towers of the World Trade Center burn behind New York's Empire State Building in this Sept. 11,

### Kin to honor 9/11 victims on anniversary

children's voices echoed across ground zero. This year, it is the bereaved parents and grandparents of World Trade Center victims who will read aloud the names of those lost on Sept. 11, 2001.

Three years to the minute that terrorists flew the first plane into the twin towers, a moment of silence will be held at 8:46 a.m. Saturday to begin the ceremony at ground zero. Then, in what has become an anniversary tradition, the names of the 2,749 trade center victims will be recited, with pauses for three more moments of silence—at 9:03, 9: 59 and 10:29 a.m.—to mark when the second plane struck

NEW YORK (AP)—Last year, and each tower collapsed. The center beams are on display. day of remembrance will end with twin beams of light soaring into the night sky.

At the Pentagon, officials will lay a wreath and observe a moment of silence. And in Pennsylvania, bells will toll across the state at the minute the fourth plane went down.

Nationwide, communities will observe Sept. 11 in their own ways, with services at firehouses, memorial dedications, the tolling of bells, and flag ceremonies. In Springfield, Mo., a garden will be dedicated to 9/11 victims, and in New Mexico, residents plan to gather at an Albuquerque church where two trade

After last year's heartbreaking reading by children who lost loved ones, this year's list of the dead will be read at ground zero by parents and grandparents of victims. Some will also read poems or passages. Mayor Michael Bloomberg, his predecessor Rudolph Giuliani, New York Gov. George Pataki and New Jersey Gov. Jim McGreevey are also scheduled to participate.

Nancy Brandemarti, who has never attended the ground zero remembrance, will read a poem for her son, Nicky Brandemarti, a financial analyst who worked in the south tower. He would have turned 25 this month.

#### Few apply for Medicare drug coverage

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Far from the expected deluge, relatively few patients with cancer and other serious illnesses have applied for generous early Medicare prescription drug coverage.

The Bush administration was planning a lottery to determine who would get the 50,000 slots included in last year's Medicare prescription drug law. Instead, just 6,364 people have applied for the head start on drug insurance for costly cancer medicines taken orally and self-injectable drugs for multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis and other diseases

The Medicare Web site now advises: "There are still many enrollment slots available!"

Patient advocates and physicians blame the low enrollment on several problems: The government scared off some people by using the term lottery and hasn't publicized the program enough. In addition, it came up with an intimidating application for people with debilitating, life-threatening illnesses.

Complaints about complexity

also have been raised regarding the Medicare discount drug card program, where enrollment also

has fallen short of expectations.

The experience so far is a cautionary tale for the new fullblown Medicare prescription drug benefit scheduled to begin in 2006. Advocates, health-care analysts and even government officials expect that will be even harder to sort out.

"Maybe all of us were overly optimistic about how eager the consumer would be to get into the program," said Nancy Davenport-Ennis, chief executive of the not-for-profit Patient Advocate Foundation, which says it has helped obtain early coverage for 324 people.

The administration expected tens of thousands of people like 81-year-old Helen Curtis to step forward when it unveiled the new program in June. While many cancer drugs administered in doctors' offices already are covered under Medicare, costly newer oral medicines and most drugs for other illnesses are not.

#### **Hurricane prompts Florida Keys evacuation**

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP)—In an all-too-familiar drill, Floridians the Keys on Monday, exactly a got out of town or boarded up month after Hurricane Charley their windows and stocked up on canned food Friday as Hurricane Ivan threatened the state with its third thrashing in a month.

Business owners in the Florida Keys faced another bad weekend as tourists and residents fleeing the storm crowded the lone highway that leads to the mainland.

Around the state, meanwhile, more than three-quarters of a million victims of last weekend's Hurricane Frances were still without electricity in the almost 90-degree heat and high humidity, and thousands had to cope with sewage backups in Palm Beach County.

Ivan is expected to arrive in ripped across the state from the west. Fatigued residents covered windows with shutters and plywood.

"First it was Charley, then Frances, and it's like, 'Oh, please leave us alone. No more storms," Ruth Naset said as she closed her family's business on Duval Street, Key West's main drag.

Together, Charley and Frances killed at least 50 people in Florida and caused up to \$20 billion in damage, making this season the state's worst since 1992. Florida has not been hit by three hurricanes in a single season since 1964.

## Across the Globe

## Ivan lashes Jamaica, death toll hits 37

By STEVENSON JACOBS

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)—Waves two-stories high crashed on Jamaica's eastern shore Friday, flooding homes and washing away roads as Hurricane Ivan's ferocious winds and pounding rains began to lash the island and threatened a direct hit on its densely populated capital. The death toll elsewhere in the Caribbean rose to 37.

Jamaican Prime Minister P.J. Patterson declared a public emergency and pleaded with the half million people considered in danger—about one in five islanders—to get to shelters. Many residents, however, refused to leave, fearing their homes would be robbed if abandoned.

"I'm not saying I'm not afraid for my life but we've got to stay here and protect our things," said Lorna Brown, 49, pointing to a stove, television, cooking utensils and large bed crowded into a one-room concrete home on the beach at Montego Bay.

Cuba declared a hurricane watch across the entire island Friday after its leader, Fidel Castro, went on national television warning residents to brace themselves. "Whatever the hurricane does, we will all work together" to rebuild, he said.

In South Florida, long lines reappeared at gas stations and shoppers



swarmed home building stores and supermarkets. Forecasters said Ivan could tear through the Keys as early as Monday though there was still a chance the storm would instead move out into the Gulf of Mexico.

Farther south, in areas already struck by Ivan, authorities discovered more bodies along Venezuela's flooded coast and in devastated Grenada, where the

U.S. State Department was arranging for the evacuations of all Americans who wish to leave the island.

"When dogs interfere with garbage bags and strew the contents all over the place—that's what Grenada looks like," Trinidadian leader Patrick Manning said after visiting the island.

In Jamaica, awed onlookers stood transfixed on the seaside Palisadoes Highway near Kingston's airport as 23-foot waves crashed to shore, thrusting rocks and dead tree branches more than 100 feet into the road.

"I've lived here all my life and I've never seen anything like this," said businessman Chester Pinnock, huddled under an umbrella in the drenching rain, which started here Friday morning.

"This is going to be disastrous, we

could have hundreds dead. Hurricane Gilbert was a puppy compared to this," he said. Gilbert killed dozens of Jamaicans and devastated the island when it struck as a Category 3 storm in 1988.

Ivan, a Category 4 hurricane—out of a top scale of 5—packed winds of 145 mph and could strengthen before fully striking the 145-mile-long island late Friday or early Saturday, meteorologists said. They warned of "life-threatening" flash floods and mudslides.

"What we're experiencing now is only the beginning," Jamaica's prime minister said in an address to the nation. "Residents living near coastal areas must evacuate before it's too late. ... I cannot stress too strongly that Ivan is a dangerous hurricane."

But only about 1,200 people had moved into shelters around Kingston by Friday afternoon, said emergency management director Barbara Carby.

Only 3,800 people had fled lowlying areas of Montego Bay, a resort town of 35,000 where many tourists were stranded, disaster agency official Faye Headley said. She said 350 were in shelters Friday afternoon.

In town, the Barnett River overflowed its banks, putting some businesses on Bouge Street four feet under water and, farther inland, flooding roads and farmlands. Drenching rain washed away the main northern coastal road, the A1, a couple of miles outside Montego Bay.

#### Philippines calls for regional intel sharing

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippines on Friday urged Southeast Asian countries to step up intelligence and information sharing, saying a deadly bombing in Indonesia shows the terrorist threat continues.

"We may have continued to score big against terrorists, but the attack at the Australian Embassy in Indonesia's capital clearly indicates that the challenge is indeed far from over," presidential spokesman Ignacio Bunve said in a statement.

"There is need to further strengthen intelligence and information-sharing across our regional neighborhood," he said.

Indonesian authorities have vowed to hunt down suspected Muslim militants behind Thursday's blast, which killed nine people and wounded 173.

In a statement posted on an Islamic Web site, the al-Qaidalinked Southeast Asian terror group Jemaah Islamiyah purportedly claimed responsibility, saying it was punishing Australia for supporting the war in Iraq.

Philippine troops and police went on full alert after the blast amid fears of terrorism linked to the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States.

Lt. Gen. Alberto Braganza, commander of military troops in metropolitan Manila, said soldiers have augmented police guarding eight embassies-including the United States, Canadian, Japanese and European Union missions—as well as the homes of three ambassadors who requested added security. The Australian Embassy is being guarded by a police security task force.

In a statement, Australian Ambassador Ruth Pearce said security measures and procedures were further strengthened at the embassy following the blast in Jakarta with security personnel at the building housing the mission "exercising extra vigilance." She did not elaborate.

## S troops lay siege to Iraqi city

By MARIAM FAM AP WRITER

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)—U.S. troops handed over medical supplies to Iraqi relief workers Friday amid a siege of a northeastern ethnic Turkish city where Iraqi and American forces are trying to root out hundreds of militants.

Despite criticism from Turkey and Shiite leaders, U.S. commanders insisted they will the maintain their blockade of Tal Afar for as long as it takes to subdue what they said were foreign fighters holed up there. The campaign was part of a recently launched American effort to restore government authority to lawless areas of the country-either through negotiation or by force.

"We are going to apply the necessary pressure to make sure that we are able to root out the enemy," said Lt. Col. my's Task Force Olympia. "How long tollah Ali al-Sistani.

it takes is really dependent on them."

But the siege of Tal Afar, which the Americans describe as a hub for militants smuggling fighters and arms from Syria, was criticized from within and outside Iraq.

A leading Shiite Muslim cleric, Abdel-Aziz al-Hakim, said the Americans' use of heavy force in the city caused "catastrophes" that could have been avoided if Iraqis were in charge of security. The Americans have said they were fighting "a large terrorist organization."

"Since the first day after (Saddam Hussein's) regime collapsed, Tal Afar had terrorist groups, and this is not new," al-Hakim told The Associated Press on Friday. "The new thing is that the military operations are huge."

Al-Hakim leads the biggest Shiite political party in Iraq and is close to Paul Hastings, spokesman for the Ar- Iraq's leading Shiite cleric, Grand Aya-

Turkey also said the United States should end its military operations in Tal Afar quickly, saying the attacks have caused casualties among the mostly ethnic Turks living there.

Turkey has asked U.S. officials "not to harm the civilian population and avoid using excessive and non-selective force," Foreign Ministry spokesman Namik Tan said, according to the semiofficial Anatolia news agency.

In Baghdad's sprawling Sadr City slum, meanwhile, fighting resumed between U.S. forces and militants loval to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, wounding seven Iraqis, hospital officials said.

Al-Sadr's al-Mahdi Army fighters fired rocket-propelled grenades and bullets at U.S. patrols, which immediately returned fire, said Capt. Brian O'Malley of the 1st Brigade Combat Team. There were no American casu

#### RP twins should be walking by X'mas

NEW YORK (AP)—Carl and Clarence Aguirre, the 2-year-old twins from the Philippines who were joined at the head until five weeks ago, should be walking by December's Christmas holiday, their pediatrician says.

"That's the promise I made to their mother, and it's looking good," Dr. Robert Marion said Thursday. "It could be Halloween (end of October), the way things are going."

Marion visited with the boys as they returned to the Children's Hospital at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx for a checkup. They were separated there Aug. 4, but were later moved to Blythedale Children's Hospital in Valhalla for physical therapy and other care designed to catch them up to normal development.

Marion said the boys have shown no neurological impairments from the operation and vital signs are fine.

Their mother, Arlene Aguirre, who brought them to New York from the Philippines a year ago, said the boys were "much better now because they're

## Putin OKs probe of deadly school siege

MOSCOW (AP)—President Vladimir Putin agreed Friday to a parliamentary investigation of the bloody school hostage siege in southern Russia, less than a week after he reportedly dismissed the idea by saying it might turn into "a political show."

The move by Putin seeks to deflect criticism after he had earlier ruled out a public probe of the standoff in Beslan, which the government has blamed on Chechen warlord Shamil Basayev.

Russian officials have also repeatedly have cast the military campaign in Chechnya as part of a war against international terrorism.

U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Friday that it was too soon to say whether al-Qaida played any role in the school attack, but he said there was an "absolutely" a connection between rebels in Chechnya and the terror network.

"I mean, they've been trained in the same training camps in Afghanistan," he said at the National Press Club in Washington, "So there's no question but that there's a linkage between the Chechen

terrorists and al-Qaida. But I can't say that about this event because the investigation's just in its early stages."

In a meeting shown prominently on state-run television, the lawmaker who heads Russia's upper house of parliament, Sergei Mironov, told Putin the Federation Council would aim to form an investigative commission.

Putin agreed, telling Mironov in the Kremlin meeting that "we are thoroughly interested in receiving a complete, objective picture of the tragic events connected with the seizure of the hostages."

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## Life & Style

# When secrets come out in a marriage



By JOSE ANTONIO VARGAS

THE WASHINGTON POST

Say the word "secret" in the same sentence as the word "marriage" and, inevitably, catastrophe strikes.

How could my spouse hide this from me?

That he was married before. That she had a child out of wedlock. That he's a compulsive gambler. That she is, after all, a lesbian.

It wasn't until a year ago that Richard's wife told him she is "very attracted to women." They've been married eight years, parents to three girls ages 6 and under. Recently, the wife's girlfriend (both women are 28) moved in with them.

"Before we got married, I knew she'd never been with a man," says Richard, who thought his wife was a virgin. The 30-year-old engineer from Alexandria, Va., asked that his last name not be used. "But I didn't know she'd been intimate with other women. That was a secret she hid from me."

Secrets come in many forms, from trivial ("I've got a mole on the back of my thigh") to mundane ("I never told you I had a crazy cousin in New Mexico?") to consequential ("Yes, honey, I did lose \$20,000 in the stock market"), with variations in between. These days, New Jersey Gov. James McGreevey's secret-"my truth is that I am a gay American"—easily comes to mind.

"There are skeletons in most people's closets, and there are levels of trust," says Nancy Barskey, a District of Columbia psychotherapist who's

specialized in couples counseling for 24 years. She's heard the secrets: a spouse who has herpes, a spouse who's been fired from his last four jobs.

"The spouse who's keeping the secret may feel there's a fault line in the relationship, a place that hasn't, for some reason, been touched upon," says Barskey. "The spouse might feel too vulnerable to reveal this secret. The spouse doesn't trust that the other person will be nonjudgmental.'

Carol, 49, didn't know Jim, 45, was married twice before they tied the knot in her Baltimore home in November 1999. She also didn't know he had an estranged daughter, now 20 years old. She found out when a sister of Jim's first wife learned he had remarried and called their home, asking for him.

She felt "embarrassed," "cheated," "fooled," "duped."

"My thinking was, 'If he kept this from me, what else did he and will he keep from me?' " says the accountant, who, like Richard, asked that her last name not be used. In many cases, the secret, once revealed, is interpreted as some sort of a lie, say psychologists Peter Pearson and Ellyn Bader, authors of the book "Tell Me No Lies: How to Stop Lying to Your Partner—and Yourself—in the 4 Stages of Marriage."

Pearson, 61, and Bader, 56, were married in 1982; two years later they founded the Couples Institute, which offers classes, counseling, workshops and seminars in Menlo Park, Calif.

"The person who's kept the secret—for example, the husband who's into Internet pornography, that's a big one—should choose Path A: You listen to the anger, distress and rage of your partner. You exercise more listening skills than you've ever done."

Bader cuts in. "You calm down. You have to stabilize the crisis."

For married couples with children, the stakes are higher, says Pearson. "You need insight and action; action without insight is impulsiveness, and insight without action is passivity."

So what can couples do?

"Seek a therapist," says Barskey. "What happens next depends on the strength of the marriage, the personalities of the people, their maturity, their resiliency, their ability to sit with some intolerable feelings and not be impulsive."

Some marriages do survive.

There is no specific way to protect one's self from a secretive spouse, say the experts. The hints that do come become clear after the fact. Richard, the 30-year-old father of three, says he had no clue. He and his wife are seeing a therapist. So far, it's helping. "Believe it or not, we are going to stay together," he says, but rebuilding the trust, he adds, "is an ongoing struggle."

The kids think the wife's live-in girlfriend is a "roommate."

"Our love for each other was never in question. Our preferences, clearly, are different. I wish I could have known this sooner, then I would have known what I was getting myself into, and I could have been with someone who's completely into me. But we got kids.

"Now, I have no choice."

## Toddler has lifetime of celebrity shots

By REBECCA MILLER ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—Talk about a scrapbook. He's only 2 years old, but Jeremy Zorek has already been photographed with dozens of celebrities as he and his stay-at-home dad wander New York with a camera.

"This just started as a lark and I was content with that," said Michael Zorek, who chronicles their adventures on www.whoisthatwithjeremy.com. But received more than 300,000 visitors so then "it took on a life of its own"

Jeremy's first snap was with NFL twins Tiki and Ronde Barber in July 2002, when he was just four months old. Zorek, who has worked as an actor and in public relations, had decided to stay home while his wife went back to work.

Zorek bought a souvenir Giants helmet to benefit a charity and asked Tiki to autograph it. He happened to have his camera with him and later sent copies of the photo to friends and family.

Two months later, Zorek and Jeremy attended a book signing by Jamie Lee Curtis. Someone in the audience yelled, "Take a picture with that kid." A few days later, a similar picture appeared in the New York Post with the caption, "Who is that with Jeremy?"

That photo also got passed around, and someone suggested Zorek create the Web site—which now features the likes of Hugh Jackman, Halle Berry, Billy Joel, Sarah Jessica Parker, Hugh Hefner, G. Gordon Liddy, Spike Lee, Bill Clinton and Elmo from Sesame Street.

In its first year, the site received about 1,600 visitors. The tipping point came last March, when someone mentioned it on a Web log, and soon the site was picked up by other blogs. It's far earning Jeremy more than a halfdozen TV and magazine appearances.

Now Jeremy sometimes gets recognized by celebrities themselves, mostly from a widely circulated photo of him with Madonna.

"It blows my mind," said Zorek, recalling the time he asked Donald Trump to pose for a photograph with Jeremy. "I was flabbergasted that Donald Trump would have an inkling who my son was."

Coincidentally, Trump and Jeremy wore matching scowls for that picture.

Jeremy has no idea what a celebrity is, his father said. "To him, taking a picture with Puff Daddy is the same as taking a picture with his Uncle Mark."

Most of the time, Jeremy smiles

on cue. It helps that the boy has done some modeling. But he still squirms and cries occasionally—like his highly upset performance with Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

"I told him 'I'm sorry, he's a Democrat," Zorek said. "Bloomberg said, 'That's OK, so was I until recently."

Zorek has received e-mail from around the world from visitors to the site, which has even spawned a parody, www.whoisthateatingjeremy.com , featuring digitally altered photos of celebrities chowing down on Jeremy and food products such as Jeremios.

"It's kind of me being a jerk," said site creator Pete Rockwell, a comedian and karaoke host from Toronto.

"I thought the real site was funny in staged sort of way," Rockwell said, adding that he grew mildly irritated by it. "People have a strong reaction to it. It's polarizing. Some people think he's exploiting the kid."

Zorek denies those claims, insisting that Jeremy has a normal childhood with play dates and tumbling, art and music classes.

"I don't want people to think we're monsters and that I drag him around and thrust him at people," he said. "I ask people if I can take their picture. If



Actor Jimmy Smits holds Jeremy Zorek in this undated photo in New York.

they say no, they say no."

As for Rockwell's site, Zorek takes it as a left-handed compliment.

"I look at this as a positive experience," he said. "There's so much bad news in the world. With all the other stuff that's out there on the Internet, I love the fact that looking at my son makes people smile."

Zorek hopes to put all the e-mails

and photos into a book and give it to Jeremy—whose snapshot days are numbered. He's starting preschool next year, which will cut down on his celebrity-trolling excursions.

Plus the bigger he gets, the less cute the pictures are.

"At the point where Jeremy can say, 'I know you, I see you on TV," said Zorek, "we'll pull the plug."

## Culkin arrested on drug charges

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)— Former child star Macaulay Culkin was arrested on drug charges Friday during a traffic stop, authorities said.

The 24-year-old actor, best known for his role in the "Home Alone" movies, was taken into custody on complaints of possession of a controlled dangerous substance without a valid prescription and possession of marijuana, according to the Oklahoma County Sheriff's office.

Culkin, who lives in New York City, was booked into the Oklahoma County Jail and released after posting \$4,000 bond, a jailer said.

Authorities confiscated about 17 grams of marijuana from a vehicle in which Culkin was a passenger. Officers also found 16 milligrams of prescription medications used to control anxiety and seizures, according to a police report.

Culkin was in a vehicle driven by a 22-year-old New York City man who was stopped for driving 70 mph in a 60-mph speed zone and for making an improper lane change. After receiving a verbal warning, the driver allowed police to search the vehicle.

Culkin told an officer there was



Macaulav Culkin is seen in an Oklahoma County Sheriff's booking mug Friday, Sept. 17, 2004,

\$3,000 in a bag on the floor of the car. The officer opened it and found a clear baggie of what appeared to be marijuana, the report said.

A short time later, Culkin allegedly pulled another baggie out of his pocket that contained white pills and other medication. Additional marijuana was found rolled in a metal cigarette box, according to the report.

It was not clear whether Culkin had a lawyer. It also was not clear why Culkin was in Oklahoma City.

In Los Angeles, Culkin's publicist, Michelle Bega, declined

## Wife's weight gain leaves husband with heavy heart

By AVIGAIL VAN BUREN

**DEAR ABBY**: My wife, "Jenny," and I married 12 years ago because she was pregnant. I knew she had been promiscuous as a teenager, but I thought I could cope with it. Now, after two children, I have second thoughts. When we married, Jenny weighed 115 pounds. (She's 5 foot 1.) Now, after two children, she weighs 170 pounds, and her clothes are size 16.

I am frustrated at the fact Jenny cares so little about her



appearance. Yes, we all change, and I understand that. But I get furious when I think my wife gave up caring about her appearance when I put the ring on her finger. It looks like she got her man, so now she's complacent. I am insanely jealous because I

feel like Jenny wanted to look good when she was chasing boys, but she doesn't care now. Talking about it and counseling haven't helped. I know these are not healthy feelings, but they are in my heart. I'm thankful for my wife and kids, but I also feel cheated. Please don't tell me that weight gain is biological. There are plenty of thinner moms

around. What can I do to help her see my point of view? TIED TO A HEAVY BALL AND CHAIN

DEAR TIED: If counseling hasn't helped, I'm not sure I can, but I'll try. Perhaps your wife's problem isn't complacency. Has it occurred to you that she could be feeling depressed, stressed and trapped? You describe your marriage as more of a shotgun wedding than a love match. She now has two children to raise, and a husband who resents the fact that she wasn't a virgin bride. On top of that, she has put on 55 pounds -- and losing that much weight is a daunting challenge.

If you really want your wife to get back in shape, my advice is to dwell less on what she's eating and more on what's eating HER. Stop harping on her past, which she can't change, and start talking about your future and the fact that you want her to be healthy and feeling good about herself. Tell her that you love her and keep repeating it. Find activities you can do together that will help her become more physically active and give you time to communicate with each other away from the children. Perhaps then she will be more receptive to making positive changes in her lifestyle.

**DEAR ABBY**: I work in a nursing home. Yesterday there was a note left that said a resident would be going out for dinner with his family, and to have him ready at 1 p.m. and expect him back at 7 p.m.

What would you consider dinner, Abby—lunch or supper? Half the staff consider it the evening meal, the other half consider it the noon meal. We are

CURIOUS IN PENNSYLVANIA

**DEAR CURIOUS: Depending on the part of the country** where you were raised, "dinner" can be either lunch or supper. Where I was raised, "dinner" meant the evening meal. My Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines dinner as "the principal meal of the day." "Supper," as defined by Webster's, is "the evening meal, or a light meal served late in the evening."

FROM MY COLLECTION OF LIMERICKS: The limerick packs laughs anatomical Into space that is quite economical. But the good ones I've seen, So seldom are clean, And the clean ones so seldom are comical!

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## Israeli cops arrest 2 Madonna bodyguards

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) -- Police detained two bodyguards of pop star Madonna on Friday after a brawl with photographers waiting for the singer outside her Tel Aviv hotel.

Two of the photographers and a policeman who tried to break up the fight were injured, said police spokeswoman Liat Pearl.

"Two security guards were detained for questioning by the Tel Aviv police department," Pearl said.

The pop diva has been in Israel since Wednesday, along with 2,000 other students of Kabbalah, or Jewish mysticism.

Madonna's visit to the country has sparked a media frenzy with the local newspapers devoting pages detailing her luxury hotel suite and even her menu for the Jewish New Year celebrations, but journalists have been kept at a distance during the visit.

The scuffle broke out Friday evening as the photographers trailed Madonna from a restaurant to her hotel.

As Madonna entered her vehicle, the bodyguards pushed a photographer working for the Associated Press, breaking some of his equipment. He was unhurt.

Then, as other photographers trailed her convoy back to the a second one who tried to inter-



U.S. pop singer Madonna, left, is escorted to her dining table by Israeli Ofra Ganor, the restaurant's owner on the beachfront of Tel Aviv, Israel Friday Sept. 17, 2004.

hotel, some of the bodyguards stopped and tried to push another photographer off his motorbike, said a camera man on assignment for Associated Press Television News, who was at the scene.

At the hotel the star's bodyguards knocked one of the photographers to the floor and kicked him in the face, before attacking vene, the camera man said.

The police then took the two bodyguards away.

Madonna had already entered her hotel when the fight

Madonna was raised a Roman Catholic, but she has taken an interest in Jewish mysticism in recent years.

She has adopted the Hebrew

name Esther, wears a red thread on her wrist to ward off the evil eye, and reportedly refuses to perform on the Jewish Sabbath.

Designer Donna Karan and Marla Maples, an ex-wife of Donald Trump, were among those traveling with Madonna, according to the Los Angeles based Kabbalah Center, sponsor of the trip.

## Mother of Michael Jackson accuser testifies

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP)—The mother of the al- those items from evidence on leged victim in the Michael grounds of attorney-client privilege, Jackson molestation case said as well as some items taken from Friday she did not remember a Jackson's Neverland Ranch. private investigator telling her The accuser's mother gland that he was working for one of the pop star's attorneys.

The 36-year-old woman, who came face to face with the pop star Friday for the first time since the case began, also claimed she did not know why she was called to testify and that she believed the purpose of the hearing was "just to bring me more torture."

Jackson's attorneys are trying to show that the accuser's mother and prosecutors should have known private investigator Bradley Miller was working for Jackson's then-attorney Mark Geragos when authorities seized items from Miller's office.

The defense wants to exclude

briefly at Jackson, whom she had called "the devil" at a grand jury hearing earlier this year. Jackson, 46, stared at her throughout her testimony Friday.

Jackson has pleaded not guilty to child molestation, conspiracy and administering an intoxicating agent, alcohol.

The Associated Press, which does not normally name alleged victims of sex crimes, has not identified the woman in order to protect the identity of her son.

During questioning of the mother, Jackson attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr. referred repeatedly to a transcript of an interview between Miller



Michael Jackson listens to his lawyer Thomas Mesereau Jr. speak to reporters at Santa Maria courthouse after the mother of the accuser testified Friday, Sept. 17, 2004, in Santa Maria, Calif.

and the mother Feb. 16, 2003, just days after her young son

appeared holding hands with Jackson on a television special.

Mesereau noted the transcript said Miller told her at the beginning and end of the interview that he was a private investigator working for "specifically an attorney named Mark Geragos who works for Michael Jackson."

She would not answer directly when Mesereau repeatedly asked if the document was false.

"I'm not denying it was said. I'm saying I don't remember," she testified.

The woman said she believed Miller was Jackson's private investigator because someone named "Frank" had told her so before she met Miller. She did not further identify Frank, but later volunteered that "Frank, Vinnie" and others were involved in an alleged conspiracy to imprison her family in March of 2003.

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## **US Dream Team spanked in Ryder Cup play**

By DOUG FERGUSON AP GOLF WRITER



**BLOOMFIELD** TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP)—Hal Sutton wanted his best two players

to set the tone for the Ryder Cup. Did they ever. Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson got hammered in the morning and blew it in the afternoon, and the rest of the Americans followed suit Friday as Europe matched the largest first-day lead in Ryder Cup history.

This might have been the quietest day at a Ryder Cup, as most of the 38,000 fans sat in stunned silence watching Colin Montgomerie & Co. build a 6 1/2-1 1/2 lead without too much effort.

"I don't think we surprised ourselves," Padraig Harrington said. "That's what we set out to do."

Montgomerie and Harrington were the ones who set the tone, making four straight birdies to start their opening betterball match. They never trailed against Woods and Mickelson—the American "Dream Team" playing together for the first time in the Ryder Cupand won 2 and 1.

"Psychologically, it was almost worth two points to us," Montgomerie said.

Europe didn't need the extra point. It had Lee Westwood, Sergio Garcia and Darren Clarke also winning both their matches and again grabbing early momentum in these biennial matches.

"This was their day," said Chris DiMarco, who teamed with Jay Haas in an alternateshot match for the only U.S. victory on an otherwise bleak day. The other half-point came from Chris Riley, who made a 6-foot par putt on the 18th hole to enable him and Stewart Cink to halve their better-ball match.



U.S. team player Phil Mickelson puts his arm around partner Tiger Woods as they walk off the 18th green after they lost to Europeans Darren Clarke and Lee Westwood on the final hole of their foursomes match at the 35th Ryder Cup at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Township, Mich., on Friday.

Europe matched the largest first-day lead, first set by the United States in 1975 in an era before continental players were added to the mix and the Americans seemingly only had to show up to win the shiny gold trophy.

The Europeans must feel the same way. They have won the cup six of the last nine times, and there was nothing Friday to suggest these matches would turn out any differently.

It took the Americans 70 holes and 6 1/2 hours before they led in any match—and not even that one lasted.

early control against Clarke and Westwood in the alternate-shot match when Woods hit a towering 3-wood within 10 feet on the par-5 second hole. They won the next two holes for a 3-up lead, but that was gone by the 10th hole.

Mickelson, with one of several blunders, watched his wedge on the 11th spin off the front of the green and back into the fairway for a bogey that gave Europe its first lead in that match. And while the Americans scratched back to tie the match when Westwood Woods and Mickelson seized couldn't get out of a bunker on the 17th, the final hole summed up their day.

Mickelson teed off on No. 18 with a 3-wood, and he sliced it so badly that it one-hopped off the out-of-bounds fence and stopped only a few feet away, leaving Woods no choice but to take a one-shot drop away from the fence. They wound up with a double bogey and another loss.

Woods also started 0-2 two years ago at The Belfry.

Mickelson, who left himself open to criticism by switching equipment last week and not playing the course the last two days of practice, now has lost nine straight matches in the Ryder Cup and Presidents Cup.

Neither stopped to comment, sitting in a cart with their wife and fiancee as assistant captain Steve Jones drove them through a throng of reporters to the lockerroom.

Sutton was practically speechless.

"I'm going to have to look at the pairings pretty closely," he said. "I had a game plan for today, and the game plan (was) totally foiled. Tiger played pretty good, but not his best. Phil didn't play very well. We'll see."

The other big loser was Davis Love III, who never got past the 16th hole in either of his matches.

European spirits were high, but they have been down this road before. They led 6-2 after the first day at Brookline in 1999, eventually losing in the face of an incredible Sunday comeback by the Americans.

"We got off to a good start," Montgomerie said. "That's all it is."

Sutton showed up on the first tee wearing a Stetson hat—a gift from the U.S. caddies—that only enhanced the tough-guy image he talked up all week.

Maybe he should have left

The Americans again played like they had everything to lose, and they almost lost every match. Riley, despite missing several birdie chances, saved the day with his par putt on the 18th.

Love and Chad Campbell, said by Sutton to be as "strong as new rope," combined to make only one birdie and suffered the worse loss of the day, 5 and 4, to Clarke and Miguel Angel Jimenez.

David Toms, the American star two years ago at The Belfry, didn't have a single birdie on his card as he and Jim Furyk barely put up a fight against Sergio Garcia and Luke Donald, losing 5 and 3.

"When you don't play great golf on a U.S. Open setup, that's the way it's going to be," Toms said.

As for Woods and Mickelson?

"This might be one of the greatest teams every paired in U.S. history," Sutton had said on the eve of the matches. "They might even shoot 58."

Instead, they ran into the best tandem at Oakland Hills-Montgomerie and Harrington-who seized control of the match on the opening hole and applied relentless pressure the whole way around.

"I think the Americans are under a little bit more pressure than we are," Montgomerie said. "But that is for you guys to figure out and analyze. Our job is to win. And that's what we've done this morning."

And that's what they continued to do in the afternoon.

DiMarco and the 50-year-old Haas built a 2-up lead on the 10th hole and never led Jimenez and Thomas Levet get any closer. DiMarco, a jock in pleated, was the most emotional player for the Americans, pumping his fist after every putt and urging the fans to make some noise.

"I want the guys to hear us," DiMarco said.

Apparently, they didn't.

Love and Fred Funk never gave themselves good chances at birdie. Kenny Perry overshot the 15th green with a wedge in his hand just when he and Cink were gaining momentum.

Europe left the cool, overcast day cautiously optimistic. "The U.S. team obviously has something to prove," Harrington said. "They're going to come out strong tomorrow, all guns blazing. It's going to be a tough day for us."

Even when they played like world-beaters, the Europeans still like to see themselves as the underdogs.

## De La Hoya, Hopkins eye middleweight title



**VEGAS** (AP)—Oscar De La Hoya has been in enough

big fights to know what each one means. Some have helped build his reputation, others have made him rich.

So don't just chalk it up to hype when he says his fight Saturday night against Bernard Hopkins means more than all of them put together.

"This is for all the marbles," De La Hoya said. "This is the fight that will define my career."

For once, De La Hoya may not be exaggerating. By challenging Hopkins for the undisputed middleweight title, he's either picked a great way to stake his claim to history or a spectacular way to end his career.

Fighting a bigger, stronger fighter who doesn't remember what it's like to lose, De La Hoya most likely will need the

disputed champion for the first time in his spectacular career.

Oddsmakers don't figure he'll get it, making the Golden Boy a 2-1 underdog in a fight that could be the richest nonheavyweight bout.

"The only situation I've never experienced is being the underdog. It's burning me inside," De La Hoya said. "I just want to show everybody I'm a winner."

So does Hopkins, whose hardscrabble life and stubborn insistence on doing things his way kept him from getting his first big money fight until age 39.

"De La Hoya has done everything you can do in boxing. He made more money that any fighter probably in the history of boxing," Hopkins said. "But give me a rich fighter and a hungry fighter, and I'll take the hungry fighter every time."

De La Hoya weighed in

fight of his life to become an unat 155 pounds Friday, while Hopkins was 156. The contract weight limit for the fight was 158 pounds.

Hopkins (44-2-1, 31 knockouts) will make at least \$10 million for the scheduled 12-round fight, which will be televised from the MGM Grand Garden arena on pay-per-view (\$59.95) by HBO beginning at 9 p.m. EDT. De La Hoya will make at least \$30 million for only his second fight as a middleweight.

Hopkins, who hasn't lost in 11 years and has defended his middleweight title 18 times, plans to make De La Hoya earn every penny.

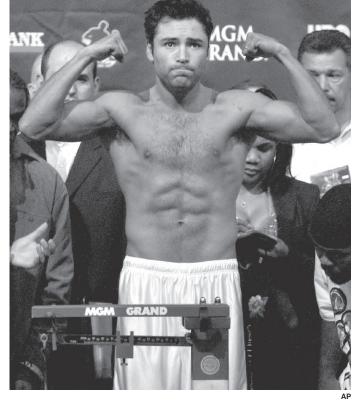
"I'm going to set a fierce pace. It's going to be a Marvin Hagler-Tommy Hearns kind of fight," Hopkins said. "If he takes a deep breath, I'm telling you, it's over."

Hopkins likes to compare himself to Hagler, another fighter who made a career out of stalking opponents with relentless pressure and wearing them down on the inside. But he rejects this fight being compared to the 1987 middleweight title fight upset of Hagler by Sugar Ray Leonard.

"The concept may be the same, an Olympic medalist against a blue collar guy," Hopkins said. "There are similarities, but it won't be the same outcome."

Like Leonard did against Hagler, De La Hoya will have to box and move to beat Hopkins. He didn't show great power in his only middleweight fight against Felix Sturm in June, and Hopkins figures to win any toeto-toe exchanges.

But De La Hoya (37-3, 29 knockouts) has had a problem with stamina late in his fights, and he will have to stand up against Hopkins in spurts and hold his own while hoping he's doing enough to win rounds.



Oscar De La Hoya weighs in at 155 pounds in Las Vegas on Friday, Sept. 17, 2004. De La Hoya will fight Bernard Hopkins on Saturday for the unified middleweight title.

# Red Sox rally to beat Yankees



NEW YORK (AP)— Orlando Cabrera and Johnny Damon hit

RBI singles in the ninth inning off Mariano Rivera, and the Boston Red Sox stormed past New York 3-2 Friday night to cut the Yankees' American League East lead to 2 1/2 games.

The Red Sox are 25-5 since trailing their longtime rivals by 10 1/2 games on Aug. 15. Boston has two more games at Yankee Stadium, highlighted by Pedro Martinez vs. Mike Mussina on Sunday, and three against New York next weekend at Fenway Park.

"Without question, it was definitely a blow to their ego," Boston pitcher Bronson Arroyo said. "We start getting a little closer, they start doubting themselves a little bit more."

Rivera (4-2) took over in the ninth with a 2-1 lead, poised to earn his career high-tying 50th save. But with a boisterous crowd standing and stomping, Boston had other ideas.

Trot Nixon drew a leadoff walk on a full-count pitch and pinch-runner Dave Roberts stole second as Jason Varitek struck out. Rivera hit Kevin Millar with a pitch and then Cabrera, playing in his first Red Sox-Yankees game, grounded a tying single to right.

#### Royals 6, Indians 4

In Cleveland, Kansas City's Abraham Nunez hit an inside-the-park homer when Jody Gerut hurt his right knee chasing his line drive, and the Royals went on to beat Cleveland.

The Indians, who have lost 10 of 14, announced before the game that All-Star pitcher C.C. Sabathia was likely done for the season with a strained left hamstring.

#### **Devil Rays 11,** Blue Jays 4

In Toronto, Aubrey Huff homered and drove in three runs and B.J. Upton hit a three-run shot in Tampa Bay's win over Toronto.

Julio Lugo and Tino Martinez each drove in two runs for the fourth-place Devil Rays, who are four games ahead of the last-place Blue Jays.

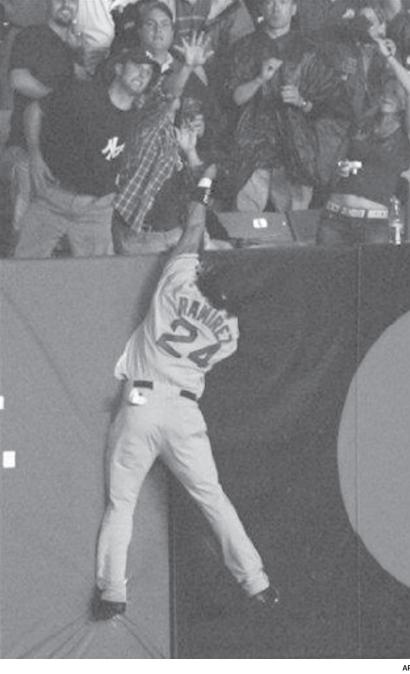
#### Tigers 11, White Sox 10, 10 innings

In Chicago, Carlos Pena homered off Shingo Takatsu to lead off the 10th inning as Detroit outslugged Chicago.

Omar Infante led off the game with a home run and hit a two-run shot in the seventh inning for the Tigers. Craig Monroe, Bobby Higginson and Dmitri Young also homered for Detroit.

#### Orioles 11, Twins 2

In Minneapolis, Rafael Palmeiro hit his 548th homer to tie Mike Schmidt for



Boston Red Sox Manny Ramirez leaps to catch and rob New York Yankees' Miguel Cairo of a home run during the fifth inning Friday, Sept. 17, 2004, at Yankee Stadium in New York.

10th place on the career list, and Larry Bigbie had a career-high seven RBIs as Baltimore stopped Minnesota's longest winning streak of the season at nine.

Bigbie had an RBI double in the fifth, then capped a pair of five-run innings with a three-run double in the sixth and a three-run homer in the seventh.

#### **Mariners 6, Athletics 3**

In Seattle, rookie Greg Dobbs' threerun pinch-hit double started Seattle's five-run seventh inning, and Ichiro Suzuki broke the major league singleseason record with his 199th single.

The loss cut the Athletics' lead in the AL West to one game over Anaheim.

#### Angels 9, Rangers 5

In Anaheim, California, Vladimir Guerrero homered twice, and Troy Glaus and Jose Guillen also hit home runs to help Anaheim move within a game of Oakland for first place in the AL West.

Bartolo Colon (16-11) shrugged off first-inning homers by Hank Blalock and Mark Teixeira to win for the 11th time in 14 starts. He allowed three runs and three hits in seven innings and struck out seven.

#### **Giants 4, Padres 1**

In San Francisco, though Barry Bonds will treasure his 700th homer, he probably wanted the San Francisco Giants' victory over San Diego even more.

Bonds hit his latest historic homer in the third inning, leading the Giants to their sixth straight win in the opener of their final nine-game homestand.

shot to left-center, Bonds became the first new member of the 700 club

in 31 years, joining Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron.

#### Astros 2, Brewers 1

In Houston, Roy Oswalt aggravated a ribcage injury but pitched long enough to get his 18th win, and Mike Lamb hit a go-ahead homer off former Olympic teammate Ben Sheets in the seventh inning Friday to lead Houston over Milwaukee.

The Astros, who ended the game by throwing out a runner at the plate, began the night two games behind San Francisco in the NL wild-card race.

#### Cubs 12, Reds 4

In Cincinnati, Derrek Lee drove in five runs with a three-run homer and a tworun double as Chicago beat Cincinnati for its fifth straight win.

Carlos Zambrano (14-8) hit his third career homer, the first since July 2003 at Houston. He allowed six hits in seven innings, struck out five and walked three.

#### **Braves 8, Marlins 1**

In Miami, Chipper Jones hit a three-run homer to help Atlanta beat Florida and its magic number for clinching the NL East to eight.

Florida outhit the Braves 13-11, but stranded 10 runners, grounded into three double plays and had a runner thrown out at the plate.

#### Cardinals 4, Diamondbacks 3

In St. Louis, Jim Edmonds tripled home the winning run off Scott Service (1-1) in the ninth inning as St. Louis beat Arizona to reduce its magic number for clinching the NL Central to three.

Edmond's winner came after Jason Isringhausen (4-2) allowed a tying RBI double to pinch-hitter Alan Zinter in the top half.

#### **Expos 12, Phillies 8**

In Philadelphia, Tony Batista hit a go-ahead two-run single in a Montreal's five-run ninth inning to beat Philadelphia.

Batista had three RBIs to give him 100, and Juan Rivera went 2-for-4 with a homer and three RBIs for the Expos, who are 3 1/2 games behind the New York Mets for fourth place in the NL East.

#### **Dodgers 8, Rockies 6**

In Denver, Cesar Izturis hit a tiebreaking, two-run double in the 10th inning, helping Los Angeles overcome another shaky start by Hideo Nomo to beat Colorado.

Los Angeles, which trailed 6-1 in the With a 392-foot (118-meter) solo second inning, remained 2 1/2 games ahead of second-place San Francisco in the NL West

## TRIBUNE SPORTS

#### **MLB STANDINGS**

#### **AMERICAN LEAGUE**

ast Division							
	W	L	Pct	GB			
ew York	92	55	.626	_			
oston	89	57	.610	2 1/2			
altimore	68	77	.469	23			
mna Rav	63	82	434	28			

#### **Central Division**

Toronto

Minnesota	86	61	.585	_
Chicago	72	74	.493	13 1/2
Cleveland	71	76	.483	15
Detroit	67	79	.459	18 1/2
Kansas City	53	93	.363	32 1/2

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#### West Division

West Division						
Oakland	85	62	.578	_		
Anaheim	84	63	.571	1		
Texas	80	67	.544	5		
Seattle	56	91	.381	29		

Tampa Bay 11, Toronto 4 Boston 3, N.Y. Yankees 2 Kansas City 6, Cleveland 4 Detroit 11. Chicago White Sox 10. 10 innings

Yesterday's Games

Baltimore 11, Minnesota 2 Seattle 6, Oakland 3 Anaheim 9, Texas 5

#### **NATIONAL LEAGUE**

#### **East Division**

Atlanta	87	61	.588	_
Florida	77	68	.531	8 1/2
Philadelphia	75	72	.510	11 1/2
New York	64	83	.435	22 1/2
Montreal	62	86	.419	25

#### Central Division

Central Division						
St. Louis	96	50	.658	_		
Chicago	81	64	.559	14 1/2		
Houston	81	67	.547	16		
Cincinnati	67	80	.456	29 1/2		
Pittsburgh	66	80	.452	30		
Milwaukee	62	83	.428	33 1/2		

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Los Angeles	85	62	.578	_
San Francisc	083	65	.561	2 1/2
San Diego	79	69	.534	6 1/2
Colorado	63	84	.429	22
Arizona	46	102	.311	39 1/2

#### Yesterday's Games

N.Y. Mets at Pittsburgh, ppd., rain Montreal 12, Philadelphia 8 Chicago Cubs 12, Cincinnati 4 Atlanta 8, Florida 1 Houston 2, Milwaukee 1 St. Louis 4, Arizona 3

Los Angeles 8, Colorado 6, 10 innings San Francisco 4, San Diego 1

#### **SPORTS TRANSACTIONS**

MLB-Suspended Texas RHP Frank Francisco for the remainder of the 2004 season, Texas RHP Doug Brocail for seven games. Texas RHP Carlos Almanzar for five games and Texas hitting coach Rudy Jaramillo for five games and fined them all undisclosed amounts for their actions in a Sept. 13 game. Suspended Philadelphia RHP Billy Wagner for two games and fined him an undisclosed amount for being ejected from a game for throwing at a player in a Sept. 11 game

KANSAS CITY ROYALS-Purchased the contract of 2B Donnie Murphy from Wilmington of the Carolina League. Transferred RHP Nate Field from the 15- to the 60-day DL. MONTREAL EXPOS-Recalled INF Josh

Labandeira from Harrisburg of the EL. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS-Announced a two-year affiliation agreement with Augusta of the South Atlantic League.

#### NFL

MINNESOTA VIKINGS-Signed K Aaron Elling. Released CB Rhett Nelson.

#### College

coach.

CALIFORNIA, PA.-Named Tom Byrnes sports information director.

FRANKLIN & MARSHALL-Named Mark Woodall men's and women's assistant swimming coach LEBANON VALLEY-Named Elliot Gravitt

men's assistant basketball coach N.J. CITY-Named Eric Alvarez first base

By The Associated Press

## NHL Players Skate in Original Stars Hockey

BARRIE, Ontario (AP)— The latest alternative to the NHL began Friday night with alternative being the

operative word. With the NHL's lockout entering its second day, some players turned to the Original Stars Hockey League, a sixteam, four-on-four operation set up by an Ontario businessman.

Two makeshift teams dubbed "To-

ronto" and "Detroit" combined for 29 goals in front of 2,176 at a 4,500-seat arena about 50 miles from Toronto.

Spectators spent anywhere from \$34 to \$60 to see "Toronto" beat "Detroit" 16-13. Dan Cloutier stopped 42 of 55 shots for the win.

It's certainly not where Cloutier and the other locked-out NHL players wanted to be Friday night. But, given their circumstances, they'll play anywhere now. They've gone from the big league to a beer league.

"We're all disappointed with the situation," Cloutier said. "I'd much rather be in training camp in Vancouver and playing for my team. Hopefully, we'll get this settled earlier than later."

Till then, he'll don an OSHL sweater.

The game hardly resembles the

NHL. Body checking is not allowed and line changes are made only on the fly. Penalties result in penalty shots rather than a man sitting in a penalty box, and exhibition shootouts follow each 17-minute period.

Andrew Raycroft of the Boston Bruins was the goaltender for the Detroit team, stopping 41-of-57. Brian Willsie of the Washington Capitals led all goal scorers with four.

## The Week in Sports



By MARK RABAGO

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fter a couple of weeks of inactivity, sports made a big comeback last week with basketball, softball, and rocball dotting the calendar.

Last Monday, the 2004 Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League returned to action with its regular double-header at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The 18-and-under tournament was forced to take a vacation after its venue was used as an evacuation shelter for families displaced by typhoons a month ago.

Saipan Softball Association also played games

the entire week at the Oleai Sport Complex after it got started again Sept. 10.

Rocball also debuted last Wednesday at the Marianas High School after the islands' indigenous sport kicked off its Interscholastic and Community League.

In pool, Team Destroyer took first place in the CNMI Billiard League summer season. Da X Terminators finished second, while No Mercy settled for third.

But the biggest news of all was the conclusion of the 20th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament last Sunday, which saw the crew of Charlie Cat take home the top prize in the marlin category.



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Top left, Ray Villagomez, Juan Camacho, and Dante Yumul. Bottom left, Mary Camacho, Dell Camacho, and Lila Camacho enjoy a little barbeque while waiting for the boats to come in at the Smiling Cove Marina.

Members of the TSA-Expos baseball team display the sportsmanship trophy, which they won in the recently concluded CNMI Senior League. The players, along with team manager Sam Babauta (2nd right standing) and Transportation Security Administration's Viola Sablan (2nd left standing) and Clarence Manglona (3rd right standing) gathered for a celebration picnic at Pau Pau Beach on Sunday afternoon. The group, which won third place in the tournament, presented the trophy and a certificate of appreciation to TSA for sponsoring the team.

AGNES E. DONATO

Sen. Diego M. Songao graced the opening ceremony and served as guest speaker of the start of the Pilpino Lakas Pagkakaisa Foundation OFW Basketball League held last Sept. 12 at the Rota Recreation Center.

He is joined here by PLPF president Joselito D. Mendoza.

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Left, Roberta Guerrero, Pauline Johnson, and Ruth Coleman strike a pose while selling T-shirts that benefited the Commonwealth Healthcare Center during the tournament.



Garapan Rollers II guard

Jose Castro collides with

Chalan Kanoa Saints center

Rick San Nicolas in their Rotary league encounter last Tuesday. G-Rollers II upset the Saints 71-69.

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SAIWAI recently donated the proceeds of its 3rd Annual Foundation and Family Day Walk to the American Red Cross to aid typhoon victims.

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Volunteers help the fishermen transport their catch to the scales when they came to the courtesy dock at the marina.

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#### Making a comeback

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SAIPAN TRIBUNE

# Fish: The final frontier

By BRAD E. RUSZALA



**20TH ANNUAL** Only a week has passed since the 20th Annual Saipan **International Fishing** Tournament, and for many, the experi-

ences of a weekend will surely last a lifetime. To the delight of everyone involved with the two-day fish-a-thon, thousands of pounds of marlin, tuna, wahoo, and mahi mahi were caught, donated, and consumed.

The tournament was truly unique to the region, if not throughout the entire sporting world. There were no heated rivalries, no doping scandals, no highpriced agents, and no price of admission for the spectators.

Instead, this past weekend not only embodied the meaning of sport, but it instilled a feeling of camaraderie amongst the fishermen that many may not have felt since their youth.

How many sports recognize their participants for taking a pause in the event to come to the aid of a peer in distress? The participants of the annual tournament, whether they were members of this year's event, or cast their lines in the inaugural derby, are forevermore connected.

And what is it exactly that makes this shindig so special? A long-lasting tournament of this magnitude would almost certainly been created by some corporation in order to promote the new equipment for the upcoming season.

20th Ainual Saipan Inter SOCIATION

The champions of the 20th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament, Nguyen Hoa, Jesus Curo, and Quane Ly, pose with their trophies and winnings at the banquet.

The Saipan Fishermen's Association recognized its members upon the stage and took a group photo before the awards presentation began.



The staff of Executive Chef David Spitzer at the Dai-Ichi Hotel Saipan Beach created a wonderful display for the annual tournament banquet.

Nope. The Saipan International Fishing Tournament was a product of a handful of men who met under a tree in lower base over 20 years ago. Though Saipan has had fishing tournaments prior to the long-running SFA event, they stopped being held in 1975.

**20th** Annual Saipan International

In 1981, after returning from a tournament in Rota, the future first president of the SFA, Frank "Boy" Aldan gathered with Arnold I. Palacios, Norman T. Tenorio, Dave Price, Marty Taylor, Juan San Nicolas, Ben Sablan, Pete A. Tenorio, and Wolf Mojica under a pine tree in lower base and began hammering out the details of reviving what was lost from the island six years earlier.

It was a long and difficult process,

but finally, in 1984, roughly 25 boats set out to catch the big one as the inaugural Saipan International Fishing Tournament was underway, reviving competitive fishing on the island.

This year, 93 boats from several countries were entered into the tournament, with the winner coming from Guam, and the second biggest catch coming from Team Palau.

"One of the reasons we have been successful hosting the tournament is because of the strong support from our sponsors. From day one they have made it possible," said Aldan.

According to Mojica, the event is a culmination of the efforts from the entire community.

"I think the reason that we're so successful is because of all the support that we received from the government, boating safety, and the community. Other places just don't have that anywhere else in Micronesia."

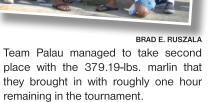
This year the tournament broke its own record of 83 boats when 93 captains and crew entered the popular event. What makes the increase so amazing is that, according to Prize Committee Chairman Juan P. Tenorio (Morgan), 95 percent of the SFA's approximately 30 members don't even own boats.

"It's just for the love of having this kind of tournament. It's truly a labor of love." he added.

It's a labor of love for the fans as well. Just mention the tournament to people, and instantly thoughts of the scales, sashimi, and marina-side barbeques spring to mind.

Even a short visit to the Smiling Cove Marina during the tournament would be enough to leave a lasting impression. A stroll out to the tip of the finger could actually cause a person to gain a few pounds, as opposed to burning off a few calories.

A feast awaited passersby, as tailgaters were all too happy to offer their



food, drink, and conversation while waiting for the next boat to cruise into port with their catch.

Did the founders have this in mind when they charted the course for the association and the tournament, or was this just another example of how the style of the islands becomes entwined with the fabric of everyday life?

Either way, the tournament has now become as much a part of Saipan as the kelaguen, and with the continued support of the community, there will be another 20 years of competitive fishing in the islands to come.